



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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AUGUST 14, 2000

### Crop Harvesting Continues Throughout the State

Crop harvesting continued throughout the state despite having only 4.4 **days suitable for field work**. **Cantaloupes** harvested advanced the most, with a 14 point increase compared to last week. **Cantaloupes** are 71 percent harvested, 1 point above last year but 2 points below the five year average.

Soil moisture conditions continue to remain in the mostly adequate to surplus range. **Topsoil moisture** is 3 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** is 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. High temperatures ranged from 75 degrees on Sunday to 92 degrees on Monday. Precipitation for the week ranged from .2 inches in Baltimore County to 2.6 inches in Somerset County.

#### CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 13, 2000 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1995-1999
Crop Harvesting:				
Apples	12	10	7	6
Cantaloupe	70	56	69	72
Cucumbers	71	60	69	73
Lima Beans	34	32	18	14
Peaches	50	35	57	55
Potatoes	88	75	77	87
Snapbeans	61	55	58	65
Sweet corn	63	53	71	66
Tobacco	22	15	14	20
Tomatoes	52	37	61	58
Watermelons	40	25	58	57
Crop Progress:				
Corn dough	64	46	47	47
Corn dent	23	10	23	18
Sorghum headed	66	54	74	68
Soybeans bloomed	63	48	63	68
Soybeans setting Pods	47	28	48	45
Tobacco bloomed	90	82	78	85
Tobacco topped	48	35	45	57
Hay Harvested:				
Other Hay, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	83	80	86	86
Other Hay, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	36	25	39	30
Other Hay, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	5	--	0	2
Alfalfa, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	65	57	71	63
Alfalfa, 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	14	12	15	11

#### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 13, 2000 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	2	4	49	44
Range & Pasture	1	3	9	67	20
Sorghum	0	0	0	40	60
Soybeans	3	6	20	42	29
Tobacco	0	14	10	41	35

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